NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PERMIT MODIFICATION

PERMIT NO.: ST 5050

APPLICANT: General Chemical Corp.

525 Casto Street Richmond, CA 94801

FACILITY: General Chemical Corp

2611 West 26th Street Extension

Vancouver, WA 98660

General Chemical Corp. has applied for a State Waste Discharge permit modification in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Chapter 173-216 Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

Following evaluation of the application for modification and other available information, a draft permit has been developed which would allow the discharge of treated industrial wastewater from aluminum sulfate manufacturing to a infiltration/mud pond.

A tentative determination has been made on the effluent limitations and special permit conditions that will prevent and control pollution. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

The draft permit and statement of basis may be viewed at the Department of Ecology (Department) website: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/(your region) permits.html. The application, fact sheet, proposed permit, and other related documents are also available at the Department's Southwest Regional Office for inspection and copying between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., weekdays. To obtain a copy or to arrange to view copies at the Southwest Regional Office, please call Debbie Nelson at 360-407-6365, e-mail Debbie.Nelson@ecy.wa.gov, or write to the address below.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit modification. All comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of this notice to be considered for the final determination. Comments should be sent to:

Water Quality Permit Coordinator Department of Ecology Southwest Regional Office P.O. Box 47775 Olympia, Washington 98504-7775

E-mail comments should be sent to Sherri.Greenup@ecy.wa.gov.

Any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed permit modification within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. The request for a hearing shall state the interest of the party and the reasons why a hearing is necessary. The request should be sent to the above address. The Department will hold a hearing if it determines that there is significant public interest. If a hearing is to be held, public notice will be published at least 30 days in advance of the hearing date. Any party responding to this notice with comments will be mailed a copy of a hearing public notice.

Please bring this public notice to the attention of persons who you know would be interested in this matter. The Department is an equal opportunity agency. If you have a special accommodation needs, please contact Sherri Greenup at 360-407-6280 or TTY (for the speech and hearing impaired) at 800-833-6388.